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Office Action Summary

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10/686,530

Applicant(s)

DUHAMEL, GERALD

Examiner

William M. Pierce

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-15 and 17-19 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-15 and 17-19 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 2, 4-6 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 02/087713.

Shown is receiving a bet by purchasing a ticket with different configurations, game card 1 with a plurality of areas at 2, randomly selecting a first subset at 4, marking or daubing the game area matrix (abstract, ln.10) and designating a winner depending upon a pattern formed (pg. 5, para. 2). His game can be played in electronic or ticket form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 7-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 02/087713 in view of Luciano 6,368,214 .

The play of '713 is includes a single selection or step from a subset of numbers. However, allowing a player to continue selecting and adding additional steps to a game at a cost is taught in bingo type games such as Luciano (col. 8, lns. 46-57). To have allowed a player to have selected added subsets of numbers after additional bets would have been obvious in order to increase the player interaction with the game.

Claims 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 02/087713 in view of Ratzkof 4,046,382 . While '713 fails to duplicate indicia on his card, '382 teaches where it is known in the art of bingo type games to have duplicated indicia on a card.

Conclusion

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2-15 and 17-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. White, Wei, Weeks, Margolin, Lovell, Goldfarb, Parrick and Odom show bingo type games.

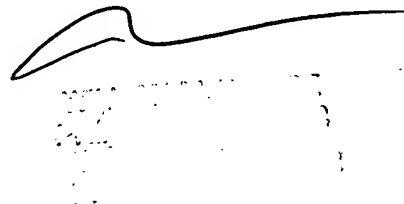
Any inquiry concerning this communication and its merits should be directed to William Pierce at E-mail address bill.pierce@USPTO.gov or at telephone number (571) 272-4414.

For **official fax** communications to be officially entered in the application the fax number is (703) 872-9306.

For **informal fax** communications the fax number is (703) 308-7769.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the **status** of this application or proceeding can also be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

Any inquiry concerning the **drawings** should be directed to the Drafting Division whose telephone number is (703) 305-8335.

A handwritten signature in black ink is written over a rectangular stamp. The signature is a cursive-style name, possibly "W. Pierce". The stamp is a rectangular box with a dotted border and contains the text "RECEIVED" in a bold, sans-serif font.